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President's Letter NWNNCA Newsletter March 2018

While we have been focusing primarily on the 2018 Annual Board Meeting and Reunion Cruise, other business as usual has not been forgotten.

Joline DeVos leading the Scholarship Committee composed of **Pat Taylor** and **Karen McNamara**, sent out letters to twenty-eight nursing schools in our 5 state area. The faculty was very responsive and ten applications were received for consideration. The 2017 Scholarship Awardees were **Molly Bosch of Gonzaga University**, who received our \$1,500 scholarship from the Northwest Chapter and **Shelby McMonigal of Idaho State** was awarded \$1,000 from the Green Memorial Trust, which is managed by NNCA. In addition, Joline sent a copy of In Harms Way to both of the recipients. The process will begin again in upcoming months for the 2018 Scholarship Awards.

Pat Taylor has been multitasking to the max! In addition to her Scholarship Committee participation, she is our Membership Chair, 2018 Reunion Treasurer and in charge of 2018 Reunion Registration. She reports that our chapter membership has decreased to 74 over the past year. Several have moved out of the area and we have had four members who have died. There were thirty who did not renew so a personal letter from the Chapter President was sent to each one. At least a third of those were returned undeliverable. Pat has been working with NNCA to update their addresses; several have moved out of our cachement area and could potentially renew with another chapter.

Our October 2017 Chapter Meeting was held at the **Mirabella**, in downtown Seattle. Our Vice President, **Bonnie Bulach**, arranged for a wonderful luncheon. Sixteen members and guests were in attendance. We had a chapter meeting there a couple of years ago and Kit Tate, one of the NNCA founding and charter members, lives there and made it possible for us to return. The customer service, the reasonable cost and the centralized location are ideal! (So great in fact, that we are hosting the Annual NNCA Board meeting there on May 10th & 11th). Our guest speaker was **LCDR Vanita Williams**,

NC, USN who is stationed at the Naval Hospital in Bremerton and is the Department Head of Staff Education and Training. She delivered a riveting presentation on her role with Operation Pacific Partnership 2017 and included a slide show with fascinating pictures. She also became one of our newest chapter members!

Fran Connor has filled the Board position that **Sharon Rushing** held and has agreed to be the Editor of the Newsletter. I also agreed to continue as the Chapter President to ensure continuity through the Annual Reunion in May. If you are interested in being a Northwest Chapter Board member, please contact me at ldhstephens@yahoo.com. We will be voting on my Board position at a future meeting.

Victoria Hayward, our Chapter Secretary since Fall 2016, has moved back to San Diego and has resigned her position. **Mary Kerdus** graciously agreed to return as Chapter Secretary and was voted upon by the Board at our February 2018 meeting. A big THANK YOU to Victoria for her contributions to the Board during this busy time as we prepare for the 2018 Reunion Cruise.

Nadyne Krienke, Cathy Turner, Fran Connor, Bonnie Bulach, Pat Taylor, Madeline Ancelard, Marla Patterson, Joline DeVos, Tracy Brommel and Betty Fish-Ferguson have been working hard to make the 2018 Reunion the best ever! We are looking forward to seeing you all in May! At this time there are over 200 people registered for the Cruise. Please see the accompanying article dedicated to the 2018 Reunion Cruise for details. Let's fill the boat!!

Lisa Stephens

Photos from the Fall 2017 Meeting at the Mirabella in Seattle.

Thank you Kit Tate for sponsoring us.



Vicki Hayward, Cathy Carter, Mary Kerdus, Anne Mulligan, & our guest speaker LCDR Vanita Williams



Kit Tate, Toni Lebel-Edmons, Trudy Vering, Janice Hudak, Madeline Ancelard



Fran Connor, Pete Mehl, Betty Fish-Ferguson, Nadyne Krienke, Julie Lundstad

Northwest University Buntain School of Nursing and Olympic College School of Nursing were added to the Psi-at- Large Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) on September 23, 2017.

NWNNCA members and Olympic College faculty, Victoria Hayward and Anne Mulligan, who are also active in Psi-at- Large, welcomed Dr. Sandra Bibb. Dr. Bibb is the immediate past president of the Navy Nurse Corps Association and an executive board member of STTI. Dr. Bibb was the guest speaker and oversaw the chartering ceremony and induction of new community nurse leaders and junior and senior baccalaureate nursing students who rank in the upper 35 percent of their graduating classes and have achieved academic excellence. Dr. Bibb currently serves as dean and professor, College of Health Professions at Wichita State University (WSU) in Wichita, Kansas. Prior to joining WSU in August 2014, Dr. Bibb served as associate dean for faculty affairs from 2011 to 2014 and department chair of health systems, risks and contingency management from 2005 to 2011 in the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) at the Uniformed Services University (USU) in Bethesda, Maryland. Before joining the GSN, Dr. Bibb served in the U.S. Navy as an active duty nurse. She retired at the rank of captain (O-6) in 2004 after serving three decades in the armed forces. While on active duty, she established and served in a number of leadership roles where she lead interprofessional healthcare teams in the design and delivery of population-based health-care. Dr. Bibb is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and is recognized for her research initiatives and published works related to population health and outcomes, with specific emphasis on population health management and access to care. You can meet Dr. Bibb at the spring national meeting being held May 10-11, 2018 at the Mirabella in Seattle.



Victoria Hayward (NWNNCA Secretary), Sandra Bibb, and Anne Mulligan (NWNNCA Treasurer)

Ann Mulligan

Upcoming Events

NWNNCA Spring General Meeting

April 21, 2018

Olive Garden, Olympia, WA

2018 NNCA Reunion

“Back to Sea”

Aboard the MS Eurodam departing for Alaska from Pier 91 in Seattle on May 12, 2018 and returning on Saturday, May 19, 2018.



2018 NNCA Annual Meeting and Reunion Cruise March 2018

As the 2018 Reunion cruise and Annual meeting is fast approaching, NWNCA chapter members are looking forward to seeing you all! **Matt Caplinger of Cruise Specialists is the POC for hotel reservations, shore excursions and any questions** regarding the hotels and the ship. He took Mary Ellsworth's place and can be reached at: 888-350-9613 or via email at: mcaplinger@cruisespecialists.com.

A priority for the Reunion Committee is **transportation** to and from airport/hotel/ship/airport. There is a light rail from the airport to and from downtown Seattle if your hotel does not have an airport shuttle. Westlake (downtown stop) and Fairview (South Lake Union) stops will be the one's to choose, depending on where you are staying. There is a trolley in downtown Seattle (South Lake Union Trolley) but it is on a circuitous route and does not go to the airport or ship. **Transportation is NOT being provided to the ship so you need to make your own arrangements.** Hotel concierge, carpooling or sharing an Uber or taxi are options to get to Pier 91. You can make arrangements with Matt when making your reservations, to reserve a spot on a bus to return to the airport after the cruise, no matter where you are staying.

The three hotels that we are recommending are the **South Lake Union Silver Cloud Inn, the Airport Hilton and the Fairmont Hotel:**

*The Airport Hilton is across the street from the airport. There is a shuttle from the hotel to and from the airport. (THE HILTON IS NOW SOLD OUT)

*The Fairmont Hotel is in downtown Seattle and is the priciest. Holland America will provide transportation from the airport to the Fairmont Hotel and to the ship from the Fairmont or the Hilton.

*The Silver Cloud Inn is also in Seattle and is the closest hotel to the Mirabella where the Annual Board meeting is being held. For those staying at the Silver Cloud, transportation to and from the airport (if not going on the cruise) and to the ship can be arranged through the concierge for a fee to a third party payer. Using the light rail, the Fairview stop is the closest.

For those who drive a POV, the cost is \$189 to leave a car at the Pier 91 parking lot for the duration of the cruise. If parking in the lot at Pier 91, the cruise line has a shuttle that can pick you up and bring you to and from your car to the ship. (No reservation needed—the shuttle just drives around the lot looking for riders).

The Annual NNCA Board Meeting will be held at the Mirabella, a luxury retirement community in downtown Seattle. It is about a mile from the middle of town. Kit Tate lives there and is sponsoring the event. We have had two Chapter meetings at the Mirabella. There is a lovely big room with AV and WIFI available and a tech on site for assistance. It was by far the best option for our Annual meeting and the most reasonably priced.

Lunch will be available at the Mirabella for Board Members, Committee Chairs and Chapter Presidents in attendance at the Board meetings. We cannot open lunch up to additional guests due to space and manpower constraints. There is a restaurant onsite, however. Those aforementioned members will be contacted with menu options, to make a menu selection in advance of the meeting.

Those attending **reunion events on the ship on 13 May (annual meeting, awards, cake cutting) and 17 May (Memorial Service)** have been asked to complete a registration form and pay a registration fee. **The deadline for submission is April 1st.** The registration form can be found on the NNCA website. Payment is via check or Paypal. We have opted to waive the higher price of \$75 for latecomers. We would appreciate it if you register ASAP so we

prepare enough gift-bags.

As we celebrate 110 years of the Navy Nurse Corps, we would like to recognize the achievements of our fellow retirees. We are requesting photos of YOU provided by YOU, from your active duty days! They can be submitted electronically in .jpg format to Tracy Brommel via her email tbrommel@gmail.com or mailed to her at her home address as hard copy photos or on a flash drive to 12266 Ridgepoint Circle NW, Silverdale, WA 98383.

An important part of the NNCA Mission Statement is preservation of our Navy Nurse Corps history. Oral histories have been a part of this for years and most of the local chapters have an oral history representative. (Ours is Madeline Ancelard). DJ Lavoie is the Committee Chair at the national level and she or a member of her team will be available at the Annual Board Meeting and on the Cruise, if you are interested in sharing your history. It is conducted as a one-on-one interview and is recorded and maintained electronically. Please consider contributing while at sea on the cruise.

Of note, **we cannot sell anything on the ship.** However, Lisa Stephens will be selling **commemorative 'coins'** as well as **tickets for our quilt fundraiser. Both will be available at the Northwest Chapter Meeting on April 21st and at the NNCA Board Meetings on May 10th and 11th.** After April 21st, you may contact Lisa Stephens directly if you are interested, at 360-621-8655 or via email: Ldhstephens@yahoo.com. After May 11th, commemorative coins can be purchased from Bonnie Bulach by contacting her via text or phone at 757-773-9571 or email babulach@wavecable.com.

Lisa Stephens

Hello 2018 NNCA Reunion Cruisers!

In an effort to celebrate our fellow Nurse Corps colleagues that we are spending the week with, we would like to gather pictures of you when you were on active duty 'back in the day'. This will be a fun way to reminisce and remember 'when'. You may submit them to me either electronically or via postal mail. If sending electronically, please ensure they are in a .jpg format when scanning them. If you are sending via postal mail, you can put them on a cheap thumb (flash) drive or send me the actual picture and I will scan. Note: I will not be able to return flash drive or pictures back to you, so make sure they are not the original.

You may send pictures to me at:

tbrommel@gmail.com or postal address: Tracy Brommel
2266 Ridgepoint Circle NW
Silverdale WA 98383

Please have pictures to me NLT Monday April 30th.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR NNCA/NWNNCA MEMBERSHIP!

Reviewing these past four years since taking over as NWNNCA membership chair, there has been so much positive change at the national and at our local level. I'm sure we'll continue to see growth in our organization as the year goes by. However, we can't do this without your support.

We currently have 78 active members in our NWNNCA chapter. That's a 12% decrease in membership! We have had 14 deaths in the past few years which has definitely contributed to our decreased numbers. With chapter members getting older, we really need to recruit the younger generations so we can maintain our United States Nurse Corps legacy.

I encourage you to continue to support your national and local chapter through your membership and help us promote your fellow Nurse Corps colleagues to join us as well. You can renew your NNCA and NWNNCA memberships online at the nnca.org website. Just login, update your information as requested, and add NWNNCA and NNCA to the shopping cart. You can either use PayPal or your credit card to pay your dues. If you are not comfortable paying online, feel free to access a hardcopy of our renewal form at http://nnca.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/NWNNCA_blank.pdf. Just print, fill it out, and mail it to me with your check at the address listed. I've also attached to this email.

Renew your membership today! Thank you for your support!!

Pat Taylor
NWNNC Membership Chair



Cruise Committee members: Lisa Stephens, Fran Connor, Tracy Brommel, Nadyne Krienke, Marla Patterson, & Madeline Ancelard work on wrapping chocolates for the cruise goodie bags.

Hello NWNNCA Members,

For those members attending the Reunion Cruise, as part of the Memorial Program, we are sponsoring a collection of Health and Hygiene items for a homeless day shelter in Ketchikan just 2 blocks from the terminal. Items can include hotel size courtesy items as well as new socks, Tee shirts, pocket Kleenex, or anything of a similar nature. These will be collected on board and turned over to the Rev. Evelyn Erbele. This occurs before the Memorial Service so I will report back to the membership. If you would like to read more about this group and program please Google Ketchikan United Methodist Church.

Thank you for participating. We can leave a little NNCA hospitality behind to remember us by.

For questions contact me.
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NWNNCA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

April 21, 2018 @ 1100

Olive Garden
2400 Capital Mall Dr S.W.
Olympia, WA 98502
(360) 754-6717

Directions:



From the I-5



Take exit 104 for US-101 N toward Aberdeen/Port Angeles
(0.4 mi)

Continue onto US-101 N (1.3 mi)

Take the Black Lake Blvd exit toward W Olympia (0.4 mi)

Keep right at the fork, follow signs for West Olympia and merge onto Black Lake Blvd SW
(0.6mi)

Turn left onto Capital Mall Dr. SW (253 ft) Olive Garden will be on the right

We will be ordering from the Lunch Menu.

Time: 1100-1200 Meet & Greet

1200-1245 Luncheon

1245-1345 General Meeting

RSVP, by mail or email, no later than April 7, 2018

Bonnie Bulach

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825 N Lee's Creek Rd

Port Angeles, WA 98362-9049



Luncheon Reservation Form

_____ Number in your group for lunch

If you have not already done so, please indicate if you would like to receive this newsletter via email - you will receive it in COLOR.

Yes_____ No_____ Please include the newsletter by email preference with your luncheon reservation, or if not attending the luncheon, send separately to CaptainFransSweetDesigns@gmail.com

If you have an article that you would like included in the Chapter Newsletter, please send to: CaptainFransSweetDesigns@gmail.com

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